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**Milk Production**  
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## NEWS RELEASE

### January-March Milk Production

#### North Dakota

Milk production for the January-March 2006 quarter totaled 131 million pounds, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, North Dakota Field Office. This is the largest January-March quarter milk production since 2003 when 133 million pounds were produced. Average milk cows during the current quarter, at 33,000 head, were equal to both the previous quarter and the January-March 2005 quarter. Milk produced per cow during the January-March quarter was 3,960 pounds, up from 3,870 pounds a year earlier and a record high for the quarter.

#### United States

Milk production in the U.S. during the January - March quarter totaled 45.5 billion pounds, up 5.0 percent from the January - March quarter last year. The average number of milk cows in the U.S. during the quarter was 9.09 million head, 91,000 head more than the same period last year. Production per cow during the quarter averaged 5,006 pounds, up from 4,816 pounds during the same period last year.

**Milk Cows and Production: Selected States and United States**  
**January - March, 2005-2006**

State	Jan-Mar Milk Cows <sup>1/</sup>		Jan-Mar Milk Production <sup>2/</sup>		
	2005	2006	2005	2006	Change From 2005
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>
<b>North Dakota</b>	33	33	128	131	2.3
California	1,742	1,781	9,152	9,706	6.1
Minnesota	457	448	2,048	2,110	3.0
New York	649	650	2,935	3,060	4.3
Wisconsin	1,234	1,240	5,522	5,779	4.7
United States	9,002	9,093	43,350	45,521	5.0

<sup>1/</sup> Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. <sup>2/</sup> Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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